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Community Calendar

Register for citywide sale

The free city-wide yard sale in Romulus will take place Sept. 26, 27, 28 and 29 this year. Rain dates are Oct. 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Those planning a sale should register with the city on the application available at https://www.romulusgov.com/.../Spring-Fall-Citywide...

Registrations received by Friday, Sept. 20, will be included in a list of participating addresses published in "The Eagle" newspaper.

Contact the clerk's office at (734) 942-7540, clerk@romulusgov.com for more information.

Public hearing scheduled

The City of Romulus Council will host a public hearing at 6:45 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26 regarding a plan to reconstruct Brandt Road and Cypress Road between Ecorse Road and Beverly Road. The hearing is will take place in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear comments and/or objections on the proposed special assessment district and improvements as detailed in the city engineer's report. Residents must either appear in person at the public hearing or notify the City Clerk's Office by mail no later than noon, Monday, Aug. 26, in order to reserve any right to protest the amount of the special assessment.

Building a Stronger Westland topic of State of City address

Mayor Kevin Coleman will present the 2024 State of the City Address and Business Awards from 3 until 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17 at the SoHo Banquet and Event Center.

Coleman's address is titled 'Building a Stronger Westland'.

Advance registration for the speech is required at www.LivoniaWestland.org.

Community Yard Sale set

Sumpter Township residents can participate in a no-permit required weekend yard sale Aug. 23, 24 and 25 at the Sumpter Fairgrounds.

Spaces are available to register at $5 per space in advance or $10 per space the day of the sale. Fairgrounds is located at 23501 Sumpter Road in Belleville.

To reserves a space, visit the Township clerk's office at 23480 Sumpter Road. For more information, contact Maryann Watson at (734) 461-9373.

Wonderful Women celebrated

Westland will host the first Wonderful Women of Westland event from 7 until 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27.

The free event is themed She Rocks Westland will spotlight the contributions of women to the stability, and progress of the city.

For questions or more information, email Nicole Jones at njones@cityofwestland.com.

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Verbal dispute ends in neighbor's fatal shooting

A neighborhood dispute in Canton Township left one man dead and another facing first-degree murder charges.

Devereaux Christopher Johnson, 47, has been charged in connection with the fatal shooting of his neighbor Nathan Morris, 25, during an altercation Aug. 10. According to police reports, officers were called to the 250 block of Cornell Street near Cherry Hill and Sheldon in response to a report of a shooting. When officers arrived on the scene at about 11:48 a.m. last Saturday, they found Mr. Morris lying in the street in front of the home suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Canton firefighter/medics arrived and transported the victim to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Witnesses told police that the shooting followed a confrontation between the two men which apparently began when Mr. Morris and his family were walking in the neighborhood. The verbal altercation may have been prompted by one of Mr. Morris' young daughters playing with mulch in Johnson's yard, according to early reports of the incident. Witnesses said Johnson threatened the family prompting Mr. Morris to send his wife and daughters home. He was reportedly attempting to ameliorate the situation when Johnson produced a handgun and began firing at the victim. Mr. Morris, who was unarmed, was struck several times, according to police reports.

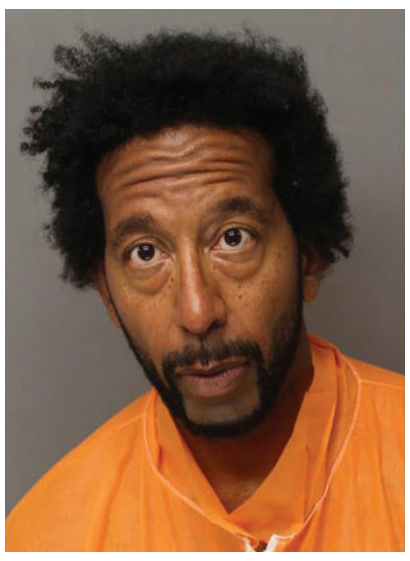
Immediately following the shooting, the suspect barricaded himself inside his home. After issuing multiple commands, officers successfully engaged the suspect who ultimately surrendered to police custody, according to police reports.

Johnson has been charged by the Wayne County prosecutor with first-degree murder, felon in possession of a firearm, and two counts of felony firearm.

"This was a senseless act of violence toward the victim," said Canton Police Chief Chad Baugh. "The Canton Police Department sends our deepest condolences to the victim's family, and to the neighbors who may have witnessed this tragic event."

Mr. Morris was an engineer who earned his degree at Michigan Technological University. He is survived by his wife and two young daughters. He served as the secretary for the Michigan 6th Congressional District Republican Party. An online fundraising effort for the family has been established.

"Mr. Nathan Morris was a family man, first and foremost," the online fundraising effort reads. "He will be missed by the hundreds of people who knew him, loved him, and enjoyed his can-do spirit and strong focus on the work and responsibilities, which he took on at the cost of precious family time, especially reading to his children at bedtime."



Devereaux Christopher Johnson

New Maybury State Park director has deep Northville roots

Kale Leftwich feels right at home in his new position as Maybury State Park supervisor.

Leftwich, who was named to the position following the retirement of former supervisor Traci Sincock early this year, grew up across the street from the park near Napier and Eight Mile. His family moved to the home when he was 10 years old and the nearby park became his playground with a magical forest to explore. He and his wife and children now live in a home they built on a portion of the land owned by his parents.

A 2001 graduate of Northville High School, he said he and his teen friends spent a lot of time riding the mountain bike trails in the 944-acre park which includes woodlands, meadows, a fishing pond and walking/running, bicycling and horseback trails. After studying industrial technology management for two years at Central Michigan University and working in commercial construction for 10 years, Leftwich said he decided to follow his heart and pursue a career in park work.

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Kale Leftwich, new supervisor at Maybury State Park. Photo by Liz Cezat.

Resident seriously injured as car careens into driveway

Luke and Hailey Vinsko with their newborn twin sons.

The driver of a car that repeatedly smashed into several vehicles and seriously injured a man who became trapped under his own parked car has been charged with multiple felonies in the incident.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged April Marie Graves, 43, of Westland with multiple felonies in connection to the incident that took place at about 7:17 p.m. last Saturday, Aug. 10.

Westland police officers were dispatched to the area of Wildwood and Florence in response to reports of a serious car crash. When officers arrived at the scene Graves was sitting in her car after having collided with several other vehicles, causing major damage and severely injuring 32-year-old Luke Vinsko who became pinned underneath vehicles parked in his driveway.

Members of the Westland Fire Department arrived on the scene and removed the victim from under the vehicle before transporting him to a local hospital for treatment. Police reports said alcohol and drugs appear to have been a factor in the incident.

Vinsko and his wife, Hailey, were reportedly unloading items from their vehicles when Graves rammed her car into their driveway at a high rate of speed, trapping Vinsko between the two parked cars. Hailey Vinsko was also injured in the incident. Witnesses told police Graves appeared to be deliberately driving into other vehicles along the street.

Graves has been charged with two counts of assault with intent to murder, two counts to assault with intent to do great bodily harm, one count of operating while intoxicated causing serious bodily impairment, one count of reckless driving causing serious bodily injury, two counts of felonious assault, two counts of malicious destruction of property over $1,000, two counts of malicious destruction of personal property over $1,000, and one count of open alcohol in a motor vehicle.

"I cannot think of a more stunning example of alleged criminal behavior of a driver behind the steering wheel of a motor vehicle. The result is severe injuries to two Wayne County citizens that will be with them for their lifetimes," said Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

Graves was arraigned on all the charges Tuesday before Judge Sandra Cicirelli at 18th District Court in Westland. She was given an $850,000 bond and remanded to police custody. She collapsed and fell to the floor during the proceedings and had to be helped from the courtroom. An online GoFundMe page established by Matthew V. Tacia, a friend of the Vinsko family, said that the couple had just returned from their first "date night" following the birth of their 2-month-old twin sons when the incident occurred.

Vinsko remained in the intensive care unit at the hospital following an emergency amputation of part of one leg. Both his legs were severely damaged in the crash, according to the social media page established to help the couple with medical and ongoing expenses.

Hailey Vinsko told reporters that she and her husband did not know Graves and had no connection to the woman.

Volunteers work wonders in Banotai park

Volunteers made significant improvements at Banotai Park in Sumpter Township recently.

Anita Honey Dunbar noted the volunteers worked tirelessly to spread mulch throughout the playscape. The efforts were so successful, the group used all the mulch on hand and more has been ordered to complete the task, Dunbar said.

"This effort not only enhances the aesthetic appeal of the park but also promotes the health of its green spaces," she posted on Facebook.

During the volunteer effort, new swings were installed to ensure children's safety and several playground features underwent repairs and received fresh coats of paint.

Volunteers and supporters of the efforts included Township Manager Anthony Burdick, Trustee Don Laporte, John Honey, Trustee Matt Oddy, Trustee Tim Rush, Erica Campbell, Dave Behrendt and Treasurer Bart Patterson. Dunbar noted that the commitment and dedication of the volunteers "exemplifies the spirit of community and demonstrates the power of collective action in making positive changes." Dunbar also thanked Faras at Littletown Pizzeria for providing pizza to the volunteers.

"I am incredibly grateful for the support of volunteers and the ongoing contributions of our community members. Together, we are making Banotai Park a better place for everyone," Dunbar posted.

"My hope is that sharing our story will inspire others to get involved and contribute to the enhancement of public spaces in Sumpter Township. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in our community's recreational areas and strengthen our sense of unity and pride," she concluded.

Parks

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He began his career at Maybury in 2010 doing summer work. Three years later, he became a ranger at Seven Lakes State Park in Holly. Park rangers are commissioned park officers, who can make arrests and write tickets. In 2017, he served as head ranger at Brighton Recreation Area. While there, he was interviewed by the Rose Lake District supervisor panel and landed his dream job at Maybury.

Leftwich is now responsible for park financials and operations and reports directly to the Rose Lake District supervisor. He works closely with Friends of Maybury, Northville Parks & Recreation and other agencies on programming, fundraising and applying for grants for park projects.

Major infrastructure planning and funding for Maybury starts at the state

"The park is wild without being intimidating," Leftwich said. When it became a park in 1975, Maybury was at the far edge of development; now it is surrounded by neighborhoods of luxury homes.

"This place becomes more relevant with the development around it," Leftwich said.

The park will mark the 50th anniversary of the facility next year and marked 801,447 annual visits in 2023.

The park is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Leftwich said night visitors light their way and continue riding bikes, walking or running along the pathway or trails and also come to look at the night sky, which is one of the darkest places in the area for celestial

viewing.

EZ STORAGE
14415 N. Sheldon Rd.
Plymouth, MI 48170 • (734) 354-9610

STORAGE SALE NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that EZ Storage, Lessor, will sell at Auction to the highest bidder, at its office at 14415 N. Sheldon Rd. Plymouth, MI 48170 on the 11TH September 2024 at 04:00 PM, local time, The Property of its Lessee(s) described below for storage costs specified plus legal costs of sale, all as provided for by the terms of the lease.

UNIT	TENANT NAME
A3026	Rachel A Walker

PUBLIC AUCTION

J&M TOWING
8964 INKSTER RD
ROMULUS MI 48174

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION **ON 8/28/24 AT 12PM**

2016	DODGE	JOURNEY	3C4PDCAB8GT215109
2013	DODGE	JOURNEY SXT	3C4PDCCG6DT640493
2008	JEEP	PATRIOT	1J8FF28W28D566090
2014	GMC	TERRAIN	2GKALMEK4E6339408
1999	JEEP	GRAND CHEROKEE	1J4GW58S3XC680141
2015	NISSAN	ALTIMA	1N4AL3AP8FC418084
2008	DODGE	NITRO	1D8GU28K88W226379
2015	FREIGHTLINER	CASCADIA	1FUJGLBG2FLGU9877
2007	CHEVROLET	COBALT	1G1AL15F877173001
2009	DODGE	CALIBER	1B3HB48A79D198245
2010	FORD	F150	1FTEX1C87AFA98922
2008	BMW	X3	WBXPC93418WJ09524
2002	TOYOTA	AVALVON	4T1BF28BX2U196366
2014	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1155S39E9136112
2002	CADILLAC	ESCALADE	3GYEK63N52G270554
2005	FORD	ESCAPE	1FMYU04125KD88270
2009	DODGE	JOURNEY	3D4GG57V09T200520
2010	DODGE	AVENGER	1B3CC4FB8AN114032
2015	WABASH	TRAILER	1JJV532D7FL877396
2003	VOLVO	VNM	4V4MC9GH63N344694
2011	HYUNDAI	SONATA	5NPEB4AC1BH265726
2012	GMC	TERRAIN	2GKFLTEKXC6146659
2002	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	1GNEK13Z42R267258
2011	FORD	ESCAPE	1FMCU0DG9BKB30516
2012	FORD	FIESTA	3FADP4FJ0CM106590
2009	FORD	ESCAPE	1FMCU03719KD11363
1978	FORD	F150	F14HLCH2842
2014	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	1G1115SL3EU120647
2008	DODGE	CALIBER	1B3HB48B18D752158
2014	FREIGHTLINER	CASCADIA	1FUJGED50ELFT8430
2007	FORD	TAURUS	1FAFP53U07A180737
2005	DODGE	NEON	1B3ES26C65D277105
2001	MERCURY	GRAND MARQUIS	2MEFM75W01X623821

PUBLIC AUCTION

FRAZIER'S AUTO SERVICE TOWING

ON **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024 AT 1:30 PM**, **FRAZIER'S AUTO SERVICE TOWING** LOCATED AT 35830 VAN BORN RD, WAYNE, MI, COUNTY OF WAYNE, WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED AND ABANDONED VEHICLES. THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

23-17636	2008	FORD	EDGE	2FMDK36C68BB36461
23-21020	2003	FORD	F150	1FTRW07L33KD50186
23-24303	2003	FORD	EXPEDITION	1FMFU18L43LB74025
24-4963	2021	NISSAN	VERSA	3N1CN8EV4ML885090
24-6274	2009	VW	JETTA	3VWJM71K89M067194
24-6909	2008	DODGE	CARAVAN	1D8HN54P38B153451
24-8070	2009	SABB	9-7X	5S3ET13S192802049
24-8087	2013	FORD	ESCAPE	1FMCU9HX2DUD50540
24-8087	2012	JEEP	GRAND CHEROKEE	1C4RJFAG7CC220029
24-8166	1998	GMC	JIMMY	1GKCS18W1WK524362
24-8253	2005	DODGE	MAGNUM	2D4FV48T75H603826
24-8600	2019	FORD	ESCAPE	1FMCU0GD0KUA67490
24-8764	2011	CHEVROLET	HHR	3GNBABFW7BS516145
24-8804	2005	PONTIAC	GRAND PRIX	2G2WP522X51212034
24-8967	2009	JEEP	PATRIOT	1J4FT28B99D227576
24-9087	2008	DODGE	CHARGER	2B3KA43R58H231587
24-10829	2014	CHEVROLET	CRUZE	1G1PG5SB8E7237431
24-9188	2005	FORD	ECONOLINE	1FTSS34L45HB34706
24-10027	2002	FORD	TAURUS	1FAFP55S92A115650
24-10088	2015	CHRYSLER	200	1C3CCCAB9FN744881
24-1408	2004	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	1GNEK13Z54R259463
24-11247	2013	FORD	TAURUS	1FAHP2F86DG110044
24-11465	2011	CHEVROLET	CRUZE	1G1PG5S93B7111423
24-11882	2014	CHRYSLER	200	1C3CCVVV1EN179453
24-12327	2005	BMW	X5	5UXFA13535LU46801
24-12549	2010	FORD	FLEX	2FMGK5CC3ABB21984
24-12671	1998	HAR. DAVISON	FLGT CLASSIC	1HD1D1DJL13WY612186
24-12883	2010	FORD	ESCAPE	1FMCU0D76AKA53991

The above vehicles are impounded through the City Of Wayne Police Department

All Vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. There is a $100 administrative fee, to be paid by the buyer to the police department, when picking up the paperwork.

Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid for in full at the conclusion of the auction.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 29, 2024, for the following:

INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS AT FIRE STATION 3

Bids may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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HUD / NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (ERR) PART 58 SERVICES

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MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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